

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for enabling management of contacts, the method comprising:

passively recognizing that a set of contacts ~~[[that]]~~ are, as a group, repeatedly sent communications by a member;

~~bringing the member's attention to the recognized set of contacts;~~

identifying, to the member, the set of contacts that has been passively recognized as a set of contacts that are, as a group, repeatedly sent communications by the member;

based on passively recognizing that the set of contacts are, as a group, repeatedly sent communications by the member, generating a contacts list that includes the set of contacts and that is useful in addressing future communications to the set of contacts as a group;

enabling the member to associate a name with the set of contacts; contacts list; and

enabling the member to address future communications to the set of ~~contacts~~ contacts, as a group, through use of the name associated by the member with the ~~set of contacts; contacts list.~~

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein passively recognizing that the set of contacts are, as a group, repeatedly sent communications by the member comprises:

storing communications sent by the member during a period of time;

examining the communications sent by the member during the period of time; and

identifying ~~[[a]]~~ that the set of contacts ~~[[that]]~~ was sent at least a minimum number of communications by the member during the period of time.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein passively recognizing that the set of contacts are, as a group, repeatedly sent communications by the member comprises:

storing a predetermined number of communications sent by the member;

examining the predetermined number of communications sent by the member; and

identifying ~~[[a]]~~ that the set of contacts ~~[[that]]~~ was sent at least a minimum number of communications out of the predetermined number of communications by the member.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising enabling the member to accept or to reject the ~~recognized set of contacts brought to the member's attention-~~ generation of the contacts list.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 4 further comprising enabling the member to delay the generation of a rejected set of contacts ~~from being brought to the member's attention-~~ list.

6. (Currently amended) The method off claim 1 further comprising enabling the member to assign a unique identifier to the ~~set of contacts-~~ contacts list.

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein ~~[[the]]~~ enabling the member to address future communications ~~[[sent]]~~ to the set of contacts ~~and the~~ through use of the name associated by the member with the list of contacts comprises enabling the member to address future communications ~~are sent to the set of contacts from multiple applications-~~ applications through the use of the name associated by the member with the list of contacts.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the multiple applications include communications applications.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the communications applications include an e-mail application and at least one application other than an e-mail application.

10. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the communications applications include an instant messaging application and at least one application other than an instant messaging application.

11. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the communications applications include a digital image sharing application and at least one application other than a digital image sharing application.

12. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the communications applications include an alerting application that sends alerts and reminders to users and at least one application other than an alerting application that sends alerts and reminders to users.

13. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the communications applications include an application for sharing and exchanging contact information and at least one application other than an application for sharing and exchanging contact information.

14. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the multiple applications include other sharing applications.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the other sharing applications include an electronic calendar application and at least one application other than an electronic calendar application.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the other sharing applications include an electronic journal application and at least one application other than an electronic journal application.

17. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the other sharing applications include an e-mail filtering application and at least one application other than an e-mail filtering application.

18. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the other sharing applications include an application that enables the specification of parental controls over a child account and at least one application other than an application that enables the specification of parental controls over a child account.

19. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising a computer readable medium having instructions stored thereon that when executed by a machine result in at least the following:

passively recognizing that a set of contacts ~~[[that]]~~ are, as a group, repeatedly sent communications by a member;

~~bringing the member's attention to the recognized set of contacts;~~

identifying, to the member, the set of contacts that has been passively recognized as a set of contacts that are, as a group, repeatedly sent communications by the member;

based on passively recognizing that the set of contacts are, as a group, repeatedly sent communications by the member, generating a contacts list that includes the set of contacts and that is useful in addressing future communications to the set of contacts as a group;

enabling the member to associate a name with the set of contacts; contacts list; and

enabling the member to address future communications to the set of ~~contacts~~ contacts, as a group, through use of the name associated by the member with the ~~set of contacts; contacts list.~~

20. (Currently amended) A system for enabling management of ~~contact~~ contacts comprising:

means for passively recognizing that a set of contacts ~~[[that]]~~ are, as a group, repeatedly sent communications by a member;

~~means for bringing the member's attention to the recognized set of contacts;~~

means for identifying, to the member, the set of contacts that has been passively recognized as a set of contacts that are, as a group, repeatedly sent communications by the member;

means for generating a contacts list that includes the set of contacts based on passively recognizing that the set of contacts are, as a group, repeatedly sent communications by the member, the contacts list being useful in addressing future communications to the set of contacts as a group;

means for enabling the member to associate a name with the ~~set of contacts;~~ contacts list;
and

means for enabling the member to address future communications to the set of ~~contacts~~ contacts, as a group, through use of the name associated by the member with the ~~set of contacts.~~ contacts list.